

Vermilion County Ill &

WILLIAM CANADAY, SR.

In giving their just due to the pioneers of central Illinois, there is required the pen of the historian who will perpetuate their names and deeds to future generations who as time passes will learn to appreciate them at their full value. It is doubtful if those sturdy characters themselves realized the magnitude of the work which they had begun, and the results which were to follow. Not only did their labors affect themselves personally, but the works of each man contributed to make a grand whole in the development of a rich section of the country which is looked upon with pride by the people today. The fact that Mr. Canaday came to Elwood Township when there was but one cabin within its limits is sufficient to establish him as one of the most prominent men of this region, and the fact that he labored industriously and lived worthily, forms for him one of the most enduring monuments which can be erected to man.

There are four men in Vermilion County, with the name William Canaday, and of these the subject of this sketch is the most prominent and the oldest. Of Southern birth and parentage, he was born in Jefferson County, East Tennessee, December 22, 1809, and is the son of Henry Canaday, a native of North Carolina.

He removed with his family to Wayne County, Indiana, in the fall of 1820 and there spent the following winter. In the meantime, two of the sons came to this county and put up in Elwood Township a round log cabin near the present residence of our subject and on the same section. Early in the spring of 1821, the family took possession of the cabin, the only house in this region. Indians were numerous and often visited the family to beg, trade or steal. They camped on the banks of the Little Vermilion in the spring of the year to hunt and fish, but never seriously troubled the settlers.

The Canaday's made sugar that first spring and prepared to carry on farming, but finally one of the sons, Benjamin, returned to Tennessee, where he bought a farm and soon afterward was joined by the balance of the family, The whole family returned to this county the following fall, having sold their Tennessee property. They were visited considerably with sickness and the nearest doctor was at Clinton. They had to go to the mill at Raccoon Creek, in Parke County, Indiana and Terre Haute was the nearest trading point. They had no horses and broke the new ground with oxen. Wild game was plentiful, deer, turkey, and a few buffalo. In the fall they filled the smokehouse with deer hams and also had plenty of pork.

When returning to Tennessee the Canaday family left

thirty hogs which they had brought from INdiana and which they could not well take with them upon going back South. So the animals ran wild and for years thereafter their progeny roamed through the woods and became so ferocious that a boar would sometimes kill a cow. The Canaday family occupied the small log cabin, containing one room, for some time, and the mother did the cooking by the fireplace. The floor was of punchèon and the roof of clapboards held down with weight poles and the stick and clay chimney was built on the outside.

About the second year of their residence in Vermilion County, Henry Canaday, the father of our subject, together with John Haworth, set up a "meeting" as it was called by the Society of Friends (or in common parlance, organized a church). These two men and others who afterwards came to the neighborhood built a log cabin and worshipped therein and afterwards built a church of hewn logs. Sometimes the attendance was so small that Henry Canaday and his son Benjamin would go to "meeting" and sit through the hour for church, in order to keep up the church organization as per the discipline of that church.

Mrs. Matilda (Barnard) Canaday was a native of Nantucket Island, Mass., when she went to North Carolina with her parents when a little girl. Her father, Capt. Benjamin Barnard, followed the sea for many years. The parental family consisted of five children of whom Mrs.

Canaday is the only one living. Her brother, Benjamin, died at the age of seventy-eight years; John died when about fifty-eight years old; Frederick and Mary were each about eighty-two years at the time of their decease.

The subject of this sketch was reared at the old homestead and grew up with a limited education there being no schools during his boyhood in this region. His father established a tanyard in which young Canaday worked; he also learned saddelry and harness making. Besides his tanyard and the farm, the father also conducted a tin shop. William in later years turned his attention exclusively to farming and stock raising and operated largely as a stock dealer. He grew wealthy and is now the owner of 430 acres of land, besides having given 540 acres to his children.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Mary Haworth took place in 1831. This lady was born in East Tennessee and the daughter of William Haworth, a well-known resident of this county. This union resulted in the birth of ten children, seven of whom are living.

1. Julia A. married William Harold of Ridgefarm but has no children.
2. Franklin married Miss Mary Jackson who lived near Homer. Two childred, Gertrude and Edwin.
3. Richard married Miss Catherine Harold and occupies part of the homestead. One child, William.

4. James married Miss Drusilla Divan and lives at Burr Oak Grove, Champaign County. Four children, Mary E., Dora, Earl and Ora.

5. Matilda married Thomas C. Brown of Elwood Township. Two children M. Alice and Oliver W.

6. Benjamin took to wife, Miss Cornelia Green and lives in Elwood Township. Seven Children, Howard W., Richard A., Anna A., Jesse, Mary, Martha, and an infant boy unnamed. The last three are triplets.

7. Alice married Dr. Charles C. Morris of Rockville, Ind., and they had three children, Jesse C., Estella E. and Mary H.

Mrs. Mary (Haworth) Canaday departed this life in the fall of 1855.

Our subject was married the second time October 30, 1873 to Miss Elizabeth Diamant, daughter of Nathaniel (dec.)

HENRY CANADAY

Henry F. Canaday. The family of this name has been prominent in this county since its pioneer days when they first came within its limits and from a wilderness built up good homes, acquiring valuable property and taking no unimportant part in its advancement, socially, morally and financially. The subject of this notice has a fine estate on Section 34 in Elwood Township and which in all its detail gives evidence of the supervision of a well-regulated and intelligent mind--the mind of a man possessing energy and enterprise in a marked degree. He was born at Vermilion Grove, this County, December 12, 1840, and is consequently approaching the fiftieth year of his age, although he would pass for a man many years younger. His life is a fine illustration of temperance and the correct habits which form the basis of good citizenship.

The father of our subject was Fred Canaday, lat of Elwood Township who entered land within its limits about 1821-1822 and built up a valuable homestead upon which he spent his last years..

He was born in New Market, East Tennessee and left his native state in 1820, coming to this county and settling in the wilderness among the Indians and wild animals. His father, Henry Canaday, brought his family north that same fall and settled near the present city of Terre Haute, whence he came to this county the following spring.

Henry brought with him over \$4,000.00 in gold and silver carrying it in a box in the front part of his wagon as he traveled overland with a team.

During that journey they camped upon the present site of Indianapolis when there was nothing to mark the spot of a future great city. The wagon was drawn by a six horse team driven by one Robert E. Barnett, and in attempting to make a short turn it was tipped over. The precious box burst and the money was spilled out into a little creek. They, however, after much labor, succeeded in rescuing it from the mud and water and proceeded on their journey.

The Canaday family for several generations, had been born and reared in the Quaker faith and had the natural abhorrence of slavery peculiar to that peaceable and liberty-loving sect and they determined to get away from the slave country. Henry, the grandfather of our subject, upon coming to this county, entered several hundred acres of land which he sold to the settlers as they slowly came in.

Mrs. Charity (Haworth) Canaday, the mother of our subject was, like her husband, a native of New Market, Tennessee, where they were married one day and the next day started on horseback for Vermilion County.

Seven of the ten children born to this pair are still living--Jane, Mrs. Patterson, is a resident of Vermilion County; Mary A., Mrs. Isaac Larrance, lives in Topeka, Kansas; Henry F. is the next in order of birth; Isaac lives in Vermilion County; Sarah, Mrs. George Ankrum, lives in Ridgefarm; John sojourns in Vermilion County.

The mother died while still a young woman in 1840,

and Frederick Canaday was subsequently married to Miss Anna Haworth in 1849. He died November 6, 1886.

The subject of this sketch completed his studies at Vermilion Grove Academy under the instruction of Gen. John C. Black. From his youth up he has been familiar with farming pursuits and chose those for his vocation. After the outbreak of the Civil War, he entered the Union Army as a member of Company A, 25th Illinois Infantry in which he served two years and was in many of the important battles which followed; viz; Pea Ridge, Springfield, Mo., Stone River, Crab Orchard and subsequently served two years in Company E, 12th Kansas Mounted Infantry, being in the Red River campaign and various other engagements. After the war closed he returned to the peaceful pursuits of agriculture.

When ready to establish domestic ties of his own our subject was married September 26, 1875, to Miss Maggie S. Brewer. This lady was the daughter of John Brewer (deceased) late of Parke County, Indiana and was born in Gurnsey County, Ohio. She came with her parents to Vermilion County, Indiana, when a small child and later removed to Parke County. Our subject and his wife are the parents of three children, only one of whom is living, Govern H., who was born June 3, 1886.

The farm of our subject comprises 110 acres and he also has an interest in his father's old homestead. He cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln and continues a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He has never sought office but as an ex-soldier receiving an honorable discharge is a member of good standing of the G. A. R. and also a member of the Grand Woodman of America. Mrs. Canaday has been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for the past twenty years.

John Brewer, the father of Mrs. Canaday was born in Pennsylvania and was the son of Jacob Brewer also a native of the Keystone State. The paternal Great grandfather was Jacob Brewer, Sr. who spelled his name "Brower" and who was a native of Amsterdam, Holland, and the son of Swybrant "Brower", a millionaire of Amsterdam.

John Brewer married Miss Minerva, daughter of John Priest and his wife Mary A. Mercer, the latter a daughter of John Jacob Mercer. The named last was a native of Germany and emigrated to the United States in 1770. His grandfather was Gideon Mercer, a very wealthy man who spent his entire life in the Fatherland. John Jacob married Miss Elizabeth Gower of Hagerstown Md., and they had one child, Mary Ann, who married John Priest in 1804. These families represented a wide and eminently respectable following who were people generally well to do and prominent and influential citizens. Both of Mrs. Canaday's grandparents on the father's side were descendants of King Phillip III.

Elihu Canaday died Oct. 4, 1848
 Elizabeth McCowan died April 1863
 Adam
 Sarah J.
 Henry D.
 Annie M. born April 11, 1838 died 20 yrs. of age
 Mary Jemima
 Minerva E. born Clarke Co. Nov. 19, 1845
 Rebecca J.

Ira Babb born Nov. 2, 1842 Vermilion County married Minerva E. Canaday
 Son of Levi Babb who married (1) Susannah Dillon ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ July 10, 1788 in Green County, Tenn. They had ten children, two living, Jonathan & Levi
 (2) Elizabeth Prevo ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Nov. 21, 1839. She was born Oct. 31, Oct. 31, 1804 in Ashton, N. C. Three children, Ira Born Nov. 2, 1842 and married Minerva Canaday Hannah (deceased)
 Allie married Wm. Hotel and died Jan. 13, 1887, at age 40 years.

Levi Babb son of Thomas and Martha Ewing Babb. Levi was one of 12 children. Levi, Caleb and David served in the war of 1812, all being under General Jackson.

CANADAY, Dale Wallace
s/o Charles Thomas and Alice (Lansnce) Canaday

V. S. No. 3-A
(2226-75M-7-41)



MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
DWIGHT H. GREEN, Governor
Department of Public Health—Division of Vital Statistics
COUNTY CLERK'S RECORD

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

1. PLACE OF BIRTH County of <u>Vermilion</u> <u>Georgetown</u> *Township *Road Dist. *Village *City *(Cancel the three terms not applicable—Do not enter "R. R." "R. F. D." or other P. O. address.)		Registration Dist. No. <u>287</u>		
2. FULL NAME AT BIRTH <u>Dale Wallace Canaday</u>		Primary Dist. No. <u>3377</u> Street and Number		
3. Sex <u>Male</u>	4. Twin, Triplet, or other? <u>(To be answered only in the event of plural births)</u>	5. Number in order of birth <u>1</u>	6. Legitimate? <u>Yes</u>	7. Date of birth <u>June 6, 1891</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)
8. Full Name <u>Charles Thomas Canaday</u>		14. Full Maiden Name <u>Alice Lansnce</u>		
9. Residence at time of this birth <u>Georgetown</u>		15. Residence at time of this birth <u>Georgetown</u>		
10. Color <u>White</u>	11. Age at time of this birth <u>35 yrs.</u>	16. Color <u>White</u>	17. Age at time of this birth <u>24 yrs.</u>	
12. Birthplace (City or Place) <u>Elwood Ill.</u> (Name State, if in U. S.) (Name Country, if Foreign)		18. Birthplace (City or Place) <u>Elwood Ill.</u> (Name State, if in U. S.) (Name Country, if Foreign)		
13. Occupation <u>Farmer</u> (Nature of Industry)		19. Occupation <u>Housewife</u> (Nature of Industry)		
20. (a) Number of children born to this mother at the time of and including this birth <u>1</u>		(b) Number of children living at the time of and including this birth <u>1</u>		
21. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was the Attendant at this Birth.				
Signed _____		Physician Midwife		
Address _____		Date _____ (Month) (Day) (Year)		
IF SIGNATURE OF BIRTH ATTENDANT IS OBTAINABLE, AN AFFIDAVIT IS NOT REQUIRED.				
STATE OF <u>Illinois</u> County of <u>Vermilion</u> } ss.				
I HEREBY CERTIFY that I had actual knowledge of the facts as stated in this RECORD OF BIRTH at the time the birth occurred, and know them to be true; and that I am related to this person as <u>Mother</u>				
Signature <u>Alice L. Canaday</u>				
Present Address <u>Ridgefarm, Illinois</u>				
Subscribed to, and sworn before me this <u>17</u> day of <u>March</u> , 19 <u>42</u>				
<u>J. Fredric Erving</u> Notary Public				
SEAL My commission expires <u>July 11, 1945</u>				
22. Filed <u>Apr. 6</u> , 19 <u>42</u> <u>Chas. A. Payne</u> Registrar				
Post Office Address <u>Georgetown, Illinois</u>				

Vermilion County Ill

GEORGE W. ANKRUM

George W. Ankrum who was born October 19, 1826, in Berkely County, Virginia, was raised in Ridgefarm where he lived with his father, who was a weaver, his mother and nine brothers, six of whom are living, viz: Anthony L., John, Elwood, David, Wesley and Harrison; one of these died at the age of fourteen years and Asa, who come to this county in 1837 settled near Yankee Point and died at age forty-seven.

George Ankrum received a primary education in a log cabin with puncheon floor, greased paper window panes and split log seats. When still a boy he learned the weaver trade at which he was very apt and soon became proficient in weaving double coverlets, carpets, woolen and cotton goods.

On October 4, 1860, Mr. Ankrum married Sarah Canada, a daughter of Frederick Canada, a pioneer of this township. They became the parents of four children, Donnie E., Harrison B., Lilly A., and Frederick B. Donnie was married to James L. Bell and had one child, Georgia. Lilly married John H. Davis of the Ridge and has no children.

Our subject never sought official honors but passed the remainder of his life at the Ridge where he had a fine residence and 250 acres of land.

ASA ANKRUM

Asa Ankrum was born Yankee Point March 10, 1837 and died January 25, 1886. He was the son of David Ankrum. He married February 1, 1865 Rhoda C. Mendenhall, daughter of James Mendenhall of Hamilton County, Indiana, located in Elwood, this county, 1857. Born in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio. James Mendenhall married Rebecca Campbell. They had five children; Priscilla (Mrs. Patten), Ira, Ryan G., Rhoda C. (Mrs. Ankrum) and Jane (Mrs. Elliott). Three daughters died: Sarah (Mrs. Reeve), Lydia (Mrs. Newlin) and Almeda (Mrs. Thompson). Mrs. Mendenhall died 1886 and Mr. Mendenhall died in 1878.

Mr. and Mrs. Ankrum had ten children, five living: Ollie C., Ira A., Meda M., Minnie J., Oris B.

ANTHONY LEE ANKRUM

Anthony Lee Ankrum of Elwood Township was the son of David Ankrum of Virginia, removed to Belmont County, Ohio.

Grandfather Archibald Ankrum native of North Ireland came to America when a young married man. Three sons, George, David and John

George Ankrum was a soldier in War of 1812

John went to New Orleans and was never heard from.

David married Abigail, daughter of Robert Boak.

Thirteen children, seven living; George W., Anthony Lee, John, Elwood, David, Wesley, Harrison, Asa and Allen who passed away in his nineteenth year. Abigail the mother, died February 18, 1857. David the father, died February 16, 1867.

Anthony was born September 18, 1828 in Belmont County, Ohio. He married Lydia Smith August 31, 1854, daughter of Isaac Smith, native of Greene County, Tennessee. He was born Berkley County, Virginia February 18, 1832. Her mother was Martha Ross, daughter of Enos Ross. Their children were William and Mary (deceased) David Smith, Hannah, John, Lydia and Isaac Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Ankrum has six children, two living: Martha E., William B., Alice Barker, his wife, Allie B.

(deceased) married Charles Foster, had one child (dec)

Harry L. died in his twenty-first year, Martha M.

(deceased) was married to James Fletcher.

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+ Canaday ✓

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of Vermilion Co. Ill. (?)
JONATHAN DILLON

Jonathan Dillon resides on Section 15 Elwood Township. He is a native of Clinton County, Ohio, having been born there Feb. 12, 1820. His father, Luke Dillon (deceased) was a native of Guilford County, N. C. and came to Ohio when seventeen years old, and engaged in farming, and the fall of 1850 purchased a farm one mile north of Georgetown, when it was a wild country inhabited by a few settlers and wild animals were many. The subject of this sketch was reared upon a farm and received a limited education in the primitive log school house with split pole seats, clapboard roof and ceiling, huge fireplace, stick and clay chimney and log out for window. The family to which our subject belonged first lived in a log house with one room which afterward had a kitchen built on. The family consisted of ten children, six of whom are living: Naomi, James W., Hannah, Jonathan, William and George. One son John L., First Lieutenant of a company in the 38th Illinois Infantry in the late war was killed in the battle of Stone River; the others were Sallie, Ruth, and Jesse, all grown up and had been married.

The marriage of our subject occurred October 13, 1841 to Charity Haworth, daughter of Dillon Haworth (deceased) By her union with our subject there have been born three children, ~~William, Mary, Ruth, and Barclay~~ Mary, Ruth (deceased) & Barclay.

Mary married Joseph Henderson of this township and is the mother of five children, William, Lucretia E., Minnie, Rosa and Josephine.

Barclay married Lizzie Haworth and resides in Graham County, Iowa and has six children. Mrs. Dillon died May 21, 1850 and Mr. Dillon married Parmelia Henderson, Dec. 26, 1853, widow of George Henderson and daughter of Charles Madden (deceased), a pioneer of this township. By this union there were seven children, six of whom are living. Charles, Emily, Jane, Lucy, Lewis and Sallie.

Charles married Miss Emory and lives in this township. Emily married John Pugh, Edgar County, Ill. and has six children.

Jane married Garrett O'Herron.

Lucy became the wife of John Canaday.

Lewis married Flora Wolf.

Jonathan Dillon owns 228 acres, raises Poland China swine and shorthorn cattle, members of the Society of Friends and is a stalwart Republican.

LUKE DILLON

Luke Dillon was a native of Guilford County, N. C. and came to Ohio when seventeen years old, and began farming. In the fall of 1830 he came to Vermilion County and bought a farm one mile north of Georgetown when it was a wild country. This was a large farm and he built a log house on it which had one room and a kitchen added. Luke Dillon was the father of ten children, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. One of these children was killed in the army.

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GEORGE DILLON

George Dillon was born 16 Jan 1837 the son of Luke and Charity (Wright) Dillon, who came from N. C. to Ohio. They left Buckeye in 1830 and arrived in Vermilion County Illinois. The father died in 1852.

George Dillon was a member of Company D 125th Illinois Infantry and was discharged in 1865.

He married Miss Desdemona F. Martin 7 Mar 1861, daughter of Henry and Mary (Morgan) Martin.

Children were: Lucretia Alma who married C. S. Johnson

William S.

Hannah who married Harvey Johnson

Grace who married Philip Yeager

Joseph G.

Robert M.

GEORGE DILLON, ESQ.

George Dillon, Esq., born in Georgetown, Vermilion County, Illinois, January 16, 1837. George attended schools of his native county and resided with his father until age twenty-one. He then bought a farm near Georgetown where he remained until he enlisted in the Army in 1862. He was a member of Co. D., 25th Illinois Infantry where he served until Feb. 1865. He was in the battles of Perrysville, Ky, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and with Sherman when he started from Chattanooga to the Atlantic and served in various battles and skirmishes until June 7, when he was wounded in the arm and sent to the hospital where his arm was amputated close to the shoulder and he returned home in Feb. 1865.

In 1866 he was elected Town Clerk of Georgetown.

1867 and 1868 he was elected Assessor and Collector.

In 1868 he was elected Circuit Clerk of Vermilion County and held office for 12 years. In April 1889 he was elected Justice of the Peace and in 1887 was Assistant Supervisor.

George Dillon married in 1861 Miss Desdemona F. Martin born in Georgetown in 1841, daughter of Henry and Mary Martin. They had six children, Lucretia, Alma, Hannah, William S., Grace, Joseph G. and Robert M. Mr. and Mrs. Dillon are active members of the Christian Church.

FLETCHER, Marcus S
s/o Henry and Mahala (Haworth) Fletcher

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Form V.S. No. 30B

CERTIFIED COPY OF A RECORD OF DEATH

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is a true and correct copy of the record of death of
as made from a copy of the original certificate
of such death now on file in this office in accordance with the law requiring reports of births,
stillbirths and deaths in Illinois.

Signed _____

Official title _____

Address _____

Date _____, 19____

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1. PLACE OF DEATH. County of <u>Vermilion</u>		Registration Dist. No. <u>887</u>
<u>Georgetown</u> (City) <u>Georgetown</u> (Township) <u>3677</u> (Primary Dist. No.) (Cancel the three terms not applicable—Do not enter "R.R.," "R.F.D.," or other P. O. address.)		
Street and Number, No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____ (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)		Registered No. <u>30</u> (Consecutive No.) Hospital _____
LENGTH OF TIME AT PLACE WHERE DEATH OCCURRED? <u>30</u> yrs. ____ mos. ____ ds.		
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE: STATE <u>Illinois</u> County <u>Vermilion</u> Township <u>Georgetown</u> Road Dist. _____ (Usual place of abode) City or Village <u>Georgetown</u> Street and Number _____		
3. (a) FULL NAME <u>Marcus S. Fletcher</u>		19. LIST NO. _____
3. (b) If veteran, name war <u>World War</u>		3. (c) Social Security No. _____
4. Sex <u>male</u>	5. Color or race <u>white</u>	6. (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced <u>married</u>
6. (b) Name of husband or wife <u>Jessie</u>		6. (c) Age of husband or wife if alive <u>73</u> years
7. Birth date of deceased <u>February 17, 1869</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)		
8. AGE: Years <u>75</u>	Months <u>7</u>	Days <u>22</u> If less than one day hr. ____ min. ____
9. Birthplace <u>Ridgefarm, Ill.</u> (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)		
10. Usual occupation <u>physician and surgeon</u>		
11. Industry or business _____		
FATHER { 12. Name <u>Henry Fletcher</u> 13. Birthplace <u>Vermilion Grove, Ill.</u> (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)		
MOTHER { 14. Maiden name <u>Mahala Haworth</u> 15. Birthplace <u>Georgetown, Ill.</u> (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)		
16. INFORMANT <u>Mrs. M. S. Fletcher</u> (personal signature with pen and ink) P. O. Address <u>Georgetown, Ill.</u>		
17. PLACE OF BURIAL Cremation or Removal (a) Cemetery <u>Brown Hill</u> Location <u>Ridgefarm</u> (Township, Road Dist., Village or City) County <u>Vermilion</u> State <u>Illinois</u>		(b) DATE <u>10/11/1944</u>
18. Funeral director <u>Quincy Jaggars</u> (personal signature with pen and ink) <u>Houghton's Funeral Home</u> (firm name, if any)		ADDRESS <u>Georgetown Ill.</u>
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
20. Date of death: Month <u>Oct.</u> day <u>9</u> year <u>1944</u> hour <u>3</u> minute <u>PM</u>		
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>August 1</u> <u>1944</u> to <u>Oct. 9</u> 19 <u>44</u> that I last saw him alive on <u>Oct. 7,</u> 19 <u>44</u> and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.		
Immediate cause of death <u>Carcinoma of Prostate</u>		Duration <u>2 yrs.</u>
Due to _____		
Due to _____		
Other conditions (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)		
22. { Was an operation performed? <u>no</u> Date of _____ For what disease or injury? _____ Was there an autopsy? <u>no</u> Findings? _____		
23. If a communicable disease; where contracted? _____ Was disease in any way related to occupation of deceased? <u>no</u> If so, specify how: _____		
24. (Signed) <u>Saul Halpern</u> M. D. Address <u>Georgetown, Ill.</u> Date <u>Oct. 10,</u> 19 <u>44</u> Telephone <u>XXXX 2031</u>		
*N. B.—State the disease causing death. All cases of death from "violence, casualty, or any undue means" must be referred to the coroner. See Section 10 Coroner's Act.		
25. Filed <u>10-10-44</u> 19 <u>Chas. A. Payne</u> Registrar. P. O. Address <u>Georgetown, Ill.</u>		

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of Vermilion County Ill

JOHN FLETCHER

John Fletcher in one of the solid and trustworthy residents of Elwood Township, born in Clinton County, Ohio on May 20, 1815. His father, Henry, was a native of England, and a son of John Fletcher who in turn was a son of Henry Fletcher. The latter was a wealthy officer in the English Army and educated his son John, the grandfather of the subject of our sketch for the army, but he joined the Quaker Church and was driven by his father to Ireland where he was given sixty acres of land in that country. His son, Henry, father of our subject was obliged to leave Ireland or join the army but being a Quaker he came to America locating in Philadelphia. This was 1793.

He was on the ocean eleven weeks and four days where they drifted about, the ship being in charge of a drunken captain and mate. The people on board the boat were reduced to a gill of water a day and to a very small amount of food. But they finally reached land safely. Henry, the father of the subject of our sketch, after landing, lived three years in Philadelphia and in 1796 emigrated to the Sciota valley, Ohio, where he worked on a farm for one season, returning to Pa. until 1804 when he went to Warren County, Ohio, and dug a mill race on Caesar Creek. He bought 200 acres of military land in Clinton County,

Ohio then retraced his steps to Pennsylvania until 1806 when he returned to Ohio and improved his land.

In 1806 the father of our subject married Mrs. Sarah (Duncan) Taylor. They had four children of whom John is the youngest and only one living. The others were Mary, Hannah and Sarah. The sisters all lived to be over seventy years old.

John Fletcher came to the county in the fall of 1836 with his parents settling on the old homestead where he lives. He was married in October, 1835 to Rachel Ruth. They had seven children of whom six are living; Sarah J., Henry, Mary A., John W., Amanda and James. One son William died in his twenty-third year.

Mrs. Fletcher died October 5, 1862 and her husband was again married on Nov. 1, 1866, to Mrs. Lydia Haworth, widow of Eli Haworth and daughter of Garrett Dillon, the latter a native of Greene County, Tennessee and a pioneer of Elwood Township..

Mrs. Fletcher was born Dec. 5, 1815, and was the mother of nine children by her marriage to Eli Haworth, six of these are living: Samuel, Julia, Mahala, Mary, William P., and Charles F. Her grandfather, Peter Dillon removed from North Carolina to Greene County, Tennessee during the Revolutionary War.

The grandfather of Mr. Fletcher on his mother's side, Samuel Duncan was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and participated in the battle of Cowpens and others. He had

holes shot in his clothes and buttons taken off by the bullets. He was known as the "fighting Quaker" but was not wounded. He was a teamster, and the Tories captured three of his horses. He mounted the remaining one, joined the American forces, afterward recapturing one of his horses.

Mr. Fletcher held the office of school trustee for twenty-eight years. He was the treasurer of the fund which was raised to procure substitutes for those drafted during the late War.

A record of his children's families is as follows:

Sarah J. married John Armstrong of Noblesville, Ind. They had one child, May.

Henry married Mahala Haworth, Elwood Township and had six children, John, Albert, Marcus M., William, Lydia and Ola.

Mary married Larkin Lewis of Carthage, Mo. and had two children, Laura and Rachel.

John married Martha Price, Cherokee, Kansas and had eight children, Mary, Minnie, Amanda, Oliver, Lennie, Grace and Irene.

Amanda married Lemuel V. Cupp of Carthage, Mo and had five children, Ora, Maud, Carl, Ethel, and Pearl.

James married Martha E. Ankrum. He lives with his father and two children, Robert A. and Allie.

John Larrance

John Larrance was a native of North Carolina but he came to Little Vermilion Directly from Tennessee in 1827.

He had the choice of almost the whole of Vermilion County at that time and he made a good one. He entered 240 acres of land paying the government price, and thereon built a cabin made of round logs. It had but one room and was not at all luxurious. The floor was logs split into with the flat side up. A clapboard roof and doors were of the same material.

For nine years Mr. Larrance's wife cooked all the meals on the fireplace using a long handled skillet and a brick bake oven. At the end of that time, he went to Chicago for some purchases and brought back a cook stove. This was the first one in the neighborhood, and was a great curiosity.

The maiden name of Mrs. Larrance was Ruth Mills, she being the daughter of John Mills. She was the mother of nine children.

Mr. Larrance oldest son was nearly ten years old when they came from Tennessee and he grew to take his place in the affairs of the county. His education in books was had in the old schoolhouse with greased paper for windows, stick and clay chimney, slab benches and wall desks of the pioneer days of Illinois.

Moses Larrance married Nancy, the daughter of Aaron Mendenhall. Moses Larrance was the father of thirteen children who have married among the children of the early settlers until they are related to many.

Jonathan Larrance born in the year 1834. Father of seven children, six of whom survived him.

Jonathan Larrance

Jonathan Larrance, late a resident of Section 35, Elwood Township is a native of this county, having spent his entire life in the township where he first saw the light January 7, 1834. The parents of our subject, John and Ruth Larrance emigrated to this county from East Tennessee in the fall of 1827 and immediately set about establishing for themselves a comfortable home, which they succeeded admirably in doing.

The subject of this biography conned his first lessons in Vermilion Seminary, now Vermilion Academy, which was quite an improvement over the primitive log cabin in which most of the youth of those days were obliged to get an education. Mr. Larrance, however, upon launching out of life on his own account, chose farming for his vocation and had no cause for regretting this choice.

The first important step in the life of our subject upon establishing a home of his own was his marriage on December 5, 1861 with Miss Hannah, daughter of Alexander and Mary McGee, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Larrance was born in Tuscarwas County, Ohio, January 28, 1837 and of this union with our subject has become the mother of seven children six of whom are living, viz:

Perry M., born August 22, 1862.

John born May 27, 1865

Alice born March 5, 1867

Laura born September 1, 1870

Mark born April 17, 1874

March E. born December 25, 1876.

One son, Marion born December 10, 1868 died May 6, 1870.

Perry married Miss Nancy Black and lives on part of the old homestead. He is the father of a daughter, Annie.

Alice married Charles Canaday of Georgetown township, this county.

Our subject was the owner of 295 acres of excellent farming land which has been divided among his heirs. He also held a half interest in the Ridgefarm Tile Factory which has since been sold. He passed from this earth January 25, 1885 regretted and mourned by all who knew him.

Socially he was a free Mason and religiously a member of the Society of Friends.

MOSES LARRANCE

Moses Larrance is a wealthy pioneer of Elwood and is a man who is very prominent in the affairs of his township. He owns 340 acres of land unparalleled for its fertility, on Section 25, range 12, where he carries on in a successful manner general farming.

Mr. Larrance was born in Jefferson County, Tennessee, on May 9, 1818. His father, John Larrance was a native of North Carolina. He came to Edgar County in 1827 settling in Elwood Township two miles north of where Moses Larrance now resides. The land was then in its wild state but he had his choice of nearly the whole county and he chose well. He entered 240 acres of land for which he paid government price and thereon erected a cabin, made of round logs and with one room. The floor was constructed of logs split in two with the flat side up, clapboard roof and windows, etc.

The mother of Moses Larrance was Ruth, the daughter of John Mills, a pioneer of this county. She was the mother of nine children: Moses, Leroy, William, Isaac, and Lanty. Those deceased are Edith, Jane, Richard, Jonathan and an infant.

Moses Larrance was married November 1, 1838 to Nancy, daughter of Aaron Mendenhall who came from North Carolina to Greene County, Ohio, during the year 1812. His father,

Richard Mendenhall was killed by the Indians during that War. Aaron purchased a farm from the government in 1824 settling in Carroll Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Larrance are the parents of 13 children, nine living and grown. John, William, Betsey, Richard, Emily, Charity, David and Paris.

John married Mary Baum, and they have six children, Ella, Frank, Henry, Rosa, Cass and Cephas.

William first married Ella Patterson by whom he had four children, two living, Charles and Cassius. His wife died and he then married Betsey Frasier.

Betsey married Carrol Fellows. They had seven children, Sylvanus, Cyrus, Louisa, Charley, Oliver, Alice and Jane.

Richard married Jane Wheeler. They had seven children, Allen J, Bert, Maude, Frederick, Art, Thomas & Samuel.

Emily married John Canaday and they had five children, Cora, Grace, Charity J., Florence and Flora.

Charity married Frank Thompson and they had two children, Odbert and Golden.

Lydia married William Nur and they had two children, Ida and Mark.

David married Caroline Tuggle and they had three children, two are living, Moses L. and Morton M.

Paris married Martha Snyder and they had one child (deceased).

Mr. Larrance at this time owns 340 acres of land and has given 600 acres to his children, 180 acres of which he

entered from the government. He is a member of the Friends Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Larrance began life with nothing, have worked hard and by good management they now enjoy a comfortable fortune.